[English]

Regional Language Programmes/Films on Doordarshan

731. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Doordarshan Channel-1 has completely stopped not only Regional language feature films but also all other Cultural programmes in different reginal languages;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to reconsider the telecast of feature films and other cultural programmes in regional languages;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ) : (a) and (b) In the revised pattern of transmission made by Prasar Bharati on DD-1, regioal language films have been stopped on DD-1 in afternoon transmission to accommodate them in the regional transmission from regional centres. This was done to enhance viewership of afternoon programmes on regional network and regional language films on regional channels. However, cultural programmes from different regions continue to be telecast on national network.

(c) and (d) To telecast regional language feature films on Doordarshan, new guidelines/criteria are being formulated for the purpose.

(e) Does not arise.

Rerforms in Power Sector

732. DR. Y.S. RAJASEKARA REDDY : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the reforms proposed to be undertaken in power sector by the Government;

(b) whether any decision has been taken to restructure all the electricity boards; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) It is proposed to set up Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) at the national level and State Electricity Regulatory Commissions (SERCs) in the States for rationalisation of tariff and matters related thereto. Steps have also been taken to expedite completion of on-going projects. Improve the efficiency of existing units and encourage flow of private investment with the power sector. State Governments have also been urged to improve the working of State Electricity Boards and the distribution system.

(b) and (c) The decision regarding restructuring of the State Electricity Boards is required to be taken by the State Governments; Orissa is the first State which has introduced reforms in their power sector by enactment of Orissa Electricity Reforms Act, 1995. Similarly, Haryana has also enacted Haryana Electricity Reforms Act, 1998 recently. The other State which have initiated action to undertake reforms and restructuring in their power sector are Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Assam and Goa.

Construction of Kendriya Vidyalayas Buildings

733. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether buildings for all the Kendriya Vidyalayas in the country have been constructed;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which the buildings of the remaining Kendriya Vidyalayas are likely to be constructed?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) to (c) Kendriya Vidyalays Sangathan (KVS) has informed that KVS is responsible for construction of 708 buildings for schools. This excludes Project Schools/Schools located in institutions of Higher learning. Out of 708, 353 school buildings have been constructed. The break-up status of remaining 355 schools is as under :

Buildings under Construction	83
Buildings under Planning	117
Land yet to be transferred by sponsoring agencies	155

The construction of remaining buildings will depend upon availability of land and funds.

Telecast of Features of Netaji Centenary

734. SHRIMATI KRISHNA BOSE : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to telecast special features to celebrate the end Netaji Centenary;

(b) if so, whether the Government have plans to produce a feature on the special relationship between Rabindranath Tagore and Netaji Subhash Chandra; and

(c) if so, the plans of the Government to produce a documentary on Netaji Research Bureau, the Institute